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MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD TO HOLD TWO BUDGET LISTENING SESSIONS
Initial Public Input on Budget October 12;
Annual Public Hearing on the Budget at the Domes on November 2

The Milwaukee County Board's Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee will kick off the legislative review of the 2016 Recommended Budget with a public listening session at the Washington Park Senior Center. Milwaukee County residents are invited to share their priorities for Milwaukee County on Monday, October 12th at the Senior Center, located at 4420 W. Vliet St. The public hearing of the Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee will begin at 9 a.m.

Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. also announced that Milwaukee County's annual public hearing on the budget will be held at the Mitchell Park Conservatory, perhaps better known as, "the Domes". The November 2 public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Domes, located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

Chairman Lipscomb invites Milwaukee County residents to enjoy the Domes, free of charge, before the beginning of the public hearing. The Milwaukee County Parks Department is providing free admission to the Domes, before the hearing on November 2, starting at 5 p.m.

In addition to the October 12th special listening session, the Committee on Finance, Personnel and Audit will hold public meetings throughout October as part of its deliberative and transparent review of the 2016 Recommended Budget. The Committee schedule is available through the Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center and is posted at: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/CountyBudgetHearings>

"The annual budget is the document that directly affects services and the tax levy of Milwaukee County," Lipscomb said. "The Board has traditionally passed balanced budgets while maintaining critical services. The budget sets the County's priorities. We are committed to an open and transparent budget process that includes citizens. The meetings will act as 'bookends,' one at the beginning of the budget process and one before the Board considers the budget for final adoption.

"It is important that we hear from Milwaukee County residents as we evaluate the details of next year's proposed budget, and it is important that these hearings be held centrally so that they are widely accessible," Lipscomb said. "We want to make the listening session and the annual public hearing available to as many Milwaukee County residents as possible. I invite everyone to join us."

The Board will consider passage of the budget on November 5.

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